

16. (Amended) A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said control unit includes a timer and a reference time register for holding a reference time, and wherein said control unit stores the message received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit together with a reception time from said timer, and sequentially reads out said stored messages from said storage unit based on the reception times of said messages and said reference time.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 4-9 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish between stored messages and new messages. These amendments are fully supported in the original disclosure. Therefore, no new matter has been entered by way of the present amendment.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 4-9 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,965,569 to Bennett, et al. (hereinafter "Bennett") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,861,818 to Ohtsuki (hereinafter "Ohtsuki").

Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 3 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bennett in view of Ohtsuki, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,430,463 to Fennell

(hereinafter "Fennell"). Lastly, the Examiner rejects claims 4-9 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bennett in view of Ohtsuki, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,477,807 to Nakajima, et al. (hereinafter "Nakajima").

In response, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least the reasons set forth below.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Ohtsuki makes no reference to "common" and "special" messages, therefore the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* showing of equivalence to stored and new messages, respectively. Moreover, neither Bennett nor Ohtsuki teach or suggest altering the presentation, i.e., the display attribute, of the message itself. Bennett merely alerts the user of the incoming message (See Fig. 12A, ref. 358, 366, 368). Likewise, Ohtsuki issues an alert by replacing the current time on an LCD display with a blinking inversion displaying the time a new unread message was received. Applicant respectfully submits that alerting a user of an incoming message, as is done in both Ohtsuki and Bennett, is not the alteration of the presentation (i.e., the display attribute) of the message itself.

Fennell is offered against Claims 3 and 12 for its teaching of highlighting, but like Ohtsuki, teaches only text messages, and therefore does not reconcile the teachings of Bennett and Ohtsuki with each other. Similarly, Nakajima, applied against Claims 4-9 and 13-18, teaches only text messaging, and offers no teaching or suggestion of compatibility of its teachings with a voice message pager.

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 10, are not rendered obvious by the cited references because neither the Bennett patent, nor the Ohtsuki patent, nor the Fennell patent, nor the Nakajima patent, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method

for displaying messages in a selective call radio apparatus or the selective call radio apparatus itself having the features discussed above. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 patentably distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. Claims 2-9 and 11-18 being dependent upon claims 1 and 10 are thus allowable therewith. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

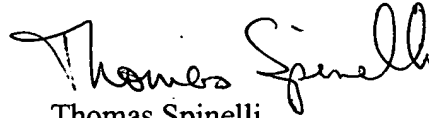
Furthermore, regarding Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11, the Applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of the references are non-analogous, notwithstanding the Examiners assertion, and therefore their combination is inappropriate. Bennett teaches a voice-paging receiver, while the Ohtsuki reference deals only with text messages. The teachings of text display are inappropriate and ineffective in a voice message receiver, therefore one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the teachings as the Examiner alleges. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Bennett and Ohtsuki references are improper and must be withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.”**

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone

conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case,
the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure (Version with Markings to Show Changes Made)

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of displaying messages in a selective call radio apparatus comprising the steps of:

displaying stored messages, which are already received, on a display unit in a first display attribute in a message display mode in response to a display instruction;

when a new message is received during the display of said stored messages, temporarily stopping the display of said stored messages on said display unit in said message display mode; and

displaying said new message on said display unit in a second display attribute different from said first display attribute.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said step of displaying stored messages includes displaying said stored messages on said display unit in an order in said first display attribute in said message display mode, and

wherein said method further comprises the step of:

stopping the display of said new message in response to a display continuation instruction; and

displaying remaining ones of said stored messages in the order in said first display attribute in said message display mode, after the stop of the display of said new message.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the order is an order of reception of said stored messages.
6. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:
receiving [each of said] messages;
sequentially storing [the] said received messages in a memory in the order of reception of said messages, and
wherein said step of displaying stored messages includes sequentially reading out said messages from said memory in the order of reception of said messages.
7. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:
receiving each of said messages;
storing the received [message] messages in a memory together with a reception time, and
wherein said step of displaying stored messages includes sequentially reading out said messages from said memory based on the reception times of said messages.
8. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said step of displaying stored messages includes sequentially reading out said stored messages from said memory based on the reception times of said messages and a reference time, and
wherein said method further comprises the step of:
designating said reference time.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein said reading out step includes:
comparing said reference time and the reception time of each of said stored messages;
sequentially reading ones of said messages previous to said reference time.
10. (Amended) A selective call radio apparatus comprising:
a display unit;
a storage unit for storing messages;
an operation unit used to input instructions and data;
a message receiving unit; and
a control unit for reading out said stored messages from said storage unit to display on
said display unit in a first display attribute in a message display mode in response to a display
instruction supplied from said operation unit, for displaying a new messages on said display
unit in a second display attribute different from said first display attribute when said new
message is received by said message receiving unit during the display of said messages.
13. (Amended) A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said
control unit displays said stored messages on said display unit in an order of reception of said
stored messages in said first display attribute in said message display mode, and
display remaining ones of said stored messages in the order of reception in said first
display attribute, in response to a display continuation instruction supplied from said
operation unit.

15. (Amended) A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said control unit includes a read pointer and a write pointer, and stores the message received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit using said write pointer and sequentially reads said stored messages from said storage unit using read pointer.

16. (Amended) A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said control unit includes a timer and a reference time register for holding a reference time, and wherein said control unit stores the message received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit together with a reception time from said timer, and sequentially reads out said stored messages from said storage unit based on the reception times of said messages and said reference time.